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- M represents hydrogen, an alkali metal ion or an unsubstituted or substituted ammonium ion and
- represents anilino, N-alkylamino or N,N-dialkylamino, the [unsubstituted of substituted] alkyl radicals [with] of the N-alkylamino and N,N-dialkylamino being unsubstituted or substituted and being uninterrupted or interrupted by a hetero atom selected from the group [series] consisting of O, N, and S, and in the case of N,N-dialkylamino, the two alkyl radicals being [are] independent [independently] from each other or forming, together with the N atom to which they are bonded, a saturated 5- of 6-membered heterocyclic ring, said ring being unsubstituted or substituted and uninterrupted or interrupted by a hetero atom selected from the group consisting of O, N, and S

by reaction of a compound of the formula (IV)

[wherein M and n have the abovementioned meaning,]
with an amine of the formula (V)

[wherein X has the abovementioned meaning.]

at a pH of 5 - 10, optionally in the presence for absence of an acid-trapping agent which differs from V, wherein the compound of the formula (IV) is added to an aqueous reaction medium with a temperature of at least 40°C, and wherein [in that] the amine of the formula (V) and, the acidtrapping agent if [as far as one is] used, are added to the aqueous reaction medium independently of one another before and/or during and/or after the addition of IV.

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- 7. (Once Amended) The process according to Claim 6, wherein the aqueous solution or suspension [of IV already] comprises prior to the addition of the compound of the formula IV all or some of the amine of the formula V.
- 12. (Once Amended) A process for brightening polyamide, cellulose and paper comprising treating polyamide, cellulose or paper with an effective amount of a [, wherein the] compound of the formula (I) obtained by [one of] the [processes] process according to [Claims] Claim 1 as optical brightener[s is applied].

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